

**Wet Mountain Sangha
Steering Committee Meeting
4-25-08**

Present: Kate Jarrett, David Cockrell, Darryl Murphy, Linda Stone, Jan Meserve, Don Johnson-Knecht, and Marianne Johnson-Knecht

1. The SC discussed the earlier offer of co-ownership and use of the Johnson-Knecht's center at Coyote Place. The SC and David apologized for not communicating clearly that the sangha would be unable to be involved in this project. The Johnson-Knechts have moved forward with this exciting project and are beginning to make it available for leases now.
2. The full-day retreat on May 10 was discussed. A clear statement about the financial arrangements was agreed upon. All dana will be given to Sarah Bender; all checks should be made to Sarah. Linda & Donna will handle food at the sitting. Crockpots will be required for heating. A small refrigerator is present in the Center, and coolers will be brought. Jan will be timekeeper; Leticia (Kate) liaison; Darryl greeter; David cantor.
3. Joan will be visiting the sangha June 16. She will be giving a talk, and the SC decided the audience should be the existing sangha community, along with the Center for Inner Peace community. Possible talk themes: Deepening our practice (bringing practice to our lives, bringing our lives to practice); Interconnectedness in our lives; Or Tibet and the Olympics.
4. Discussion of practice protocol at the Center for Inner Peace. Entry into the building should mean entry into the meditation space. We need a good sign, possibly with prayer flags outside. The greeter's job becomes much more critical in orienting people to entry into the hall. Other ideas discussed included a Japanese door hanging or room screen. Silence will begin 10 minutes before the sitting begins. We will consider buying an altar, but this project will wait until Neema can guide the organization of the chancellery area. We agreed to buy two timers with the SMS group purchase. The walking path will be established on the outside of the hall. Walking leader/greeter needs to sit nearest the door. The idea of stacking the back row of chairs as part of set-up was discussed. This can be tried at the leaders' discretion. Walking leaders should use the large clappers for outdoor walking.
5. Dorcy Center Report: There will be a Healing Arts Fair in September. The WMS non-profit status was reinstated recently. Honorarium coming. Books will be ordered for the Healing Arts Library as soon as we provide a list.
6. Treasurer's report. Dana has been down lately. \$3,131 total revenue. \$1,920 in checks; \$1,550 in cash. \$2,729 in expenses. We need to be frugal.
7. The previous idea of calling everyone on the mailing list to invite people to the new zendo was tabled as summer doesn't seem quite the right time to pursue this. Photos can be taken and a slide show emailed out to people.
8. CYMD: Neema will not be available to assist; TSL (the Tibetan sangha in the Springs is willing to help; possibly others from CIP. Looks like it would be up to us. Kate has some interest in possibly coordinating. Weekend after Labor Day is a possibility. (It was subsequently learned that Change Your Mind Day has been scheduled by Tricycle magazine for June 7 this year. After a flurry of emails, it was decided that WMS would not be able to organize an event in time for June 7. The question of whether to try to do something in the fall remains open.)
9. Meeting adjourned about 8:30!